



October 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2009



April 15, 2009

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
The Corporation of the Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

RE: Proclamation – “Markham Fair Week”

In past years Markham Town Council has been kind enough to proclaim the week leading up to the Fair “**Markham Fair Week**”. For 165 consecutive years Markham Fair has proudly created a forum to showcase our community and your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the success of this annual event.

The **MARKHAM FAIR** will be run from **October 1st to the 4th** inclusive and we would respectfully request that the Markham Town Council rightfully share our pride and proclaim the week of September 28th “**MARKHAM FAIR WEEK**”.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to a favourable reply.

Yours truly,

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Dear Mayor or Reeve:

I am writing to ask that you consider officially proclaiming June as **Seniors' Month** in your community.

June 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of **Seniors' Month** in Ontario. This year's theme is "Creating Age-Friendly Communities". The theme celebrates Ontario's seniors and recognizes the tremendous contributions they make to our communities.

Teamwork by local businesses, non-profit groups, municipalities and individual residents assists the creation of Age-Friendly Communities. To find out more about making your community age-friendly, please visit the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website at www.ontarioseniors.ca.

I encourage you to honour local seniors by attending and hosting events in your communities. Please let us know how you are planning to celebrate Seniors' Month so we can promote your event on our website calendar. You will find an Event Notice Form on our Seniors' Month 2009 pages at www.ontarioseniors.ca.

Please also mark your calendars for **June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. By wearing something purple that day, we will demonstrate that we are united in the belief that elder abuse cannot be tolerated. For more information, visit the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse website at www.inpea.net/weaad.html.

For your convenience, a sample proclamation is enclosed for your consideration. Please advise us if you will be honouring seniors in your community this June. You can contact us by e-mail, at seniorsmonth@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your interest in honouring Ontario's seniors.

Yours truly,



M. Aileen Carroll
Minister

Enclosure

Seniors' Month Proclamation

**Seniors' Month
June 1 – 30, 2009**

WHEREAS *Seniors' Month* is an annual nation-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor _____, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2009 **Seniors' Month** in _____ and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor

Hau, Lucy

Subject: Request for Proclamation-Vasculitis Awareness Week - May 3 to 9

Importance: High

From: Margaret Loftus

Sent: April 24, 2009 5:08 PM

To: 'cmoretti@markham.ca'; 'fscarpitti@markham.ca'

Subject: Proclamation-Vasculitis Awareness Week

Hello Mr. Scarpitti and Ms. Moretti: I am a Markham resident with a child who has been diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disorder, CNS Vasculitis and I am trying to increase medical professional, public and government awareness of the existence of this rare disorder and of vasculidites in general. Heather is 10 years old and was diagnosed at age 7. Although considered extremely rare, at the time of diagnosis I was told by my local hospital that I would probably not meet another patient with CNS vasculitis. I have since met several (one child in Markham, another in Aurora) and many more through the internet in various parts of Canada and the US. It appears that auto-immune disorders are the disease of this generation and I believe the public needs to be informed of its existence to allow increased awareness of these difficult to diagnose disorders, as they are frequently misdiagnosed as more common diseases such as meningitis due to lack of awareness of existence of CNS Vasculitis.

The American Vasculitis Foundation and its sister Vasculitis Foundation of Canada has declared May 3 to 9 as Vasculitis Awareness Week and members have been contacting their representatives to have corresponding states and or cities to declare the same. I am forwarding a copy of the Wisconsin legislature resolution to use as a template – I put in blue ink wording to replace some of the American terms. I highlighted in yellow areas I was not sure of wording or names of people involved but felt your staff could rework to make the document relevant to Markham. I would appreciate your support to make this happen in my residential area – if possible I would like suggestions to have this pass at the Provincial and Federal level also. I appreciate your assistance to help me to spread the word about vasculitis

Respectfully yours,

Margaret Loftus

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2009 – 2010 LEGISLATURE

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

April 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives HUBLER, ZIEGELBAUER, MOLEPSKE JR., PASCH, SOLETSKI, BIES, SINICKI, POPE-ROBERTS, JORGENSEN and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators LEHMAN, TAYLOR and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: declaring May 3 to May 9, 2009, to be Vasculitis Awareness Week.

Whereas, vasculitis is an inflammation of the blood vessels, also called angiitis, that causes changes in the walls of blood vessels, including thickening, weakening, narrowing, and scarring and the inflammation from these changes can be acute or chronic and can be so severe that the tissues and organs supplied by the affected vessels do not receive enough blood, which can result in organ and tissue damage and even death; and

Whereas, many types of vasculitis exist and, although rare, vasculitis can affect anyone; some age groups are affected more than others, depending on the type of vasculitis; and while some forms of vasculitis improve on their own, others require treatment to the extent that 100,000 Americans (I am trying to get # in Canada) are hospitalized for vasculitis care each year; and

Whereas, diseases resulting from vasculitis include Wegener's

Granulomatosis, Behcet's disease, Buerger's disease, Central Nervous System Vasculitis, Churg Strauss syndrome, Cryoglobulinemia, Giant Cell

Arteritis, Henoch-Schonlein purpura, Hypersensitivity vasculitis, Kawasaki disease, Microscopic Polyangiitis, Polyarteritis nodosa,

Polymyalgia rheumatica, Rheumatoid Vasculitis, and Takayasu's arteritis and

Whereas, the Vasculitis Foundation Canada, and research centres such as the Central Nervous System (CNS)

Vasculitis Clinic and Program at SickKids and the Vasculitis Clinic at University of Toronto at Mount Sinai Hospital, and the St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario with the help of grass roots support, works to support positive change in the lives of people who live with vasculitis and the foundation's members work to educate Congress medical professionals, the public and governing bodies about vasculitis and the need to support research funding so that science can better understand the disease and identify advanced treatments and one day find a cure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the efforts of the Vasculitis Foundation to make legislators and the public aware of vasculitis and the need for continued study of the ailment and declare the week of May 3 to May 9, 2009, to be Vasculitis Awareness Week; and

Be it further resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the Vasculitis Foundation Canada and to Margaret Loftus of Markham Ontario; Dr. Susa Benseler of SickKids, Toronto; Dr. Simon Carette, Mount Sinai, Toronto; Dr. Nader Khalidi, St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton (END)